

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE DRAFT  
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) PERMIT  
FOR THE LAHAINA WASTEWATER RECLAMATION FACILITY**

**Comment period extended through November 6, 2008**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public hearing on November 6, 2008 concerning the draft Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility (LWRF or facility). The public hearing is scheduled from 6:15 pm to 9:00 pm and will be held at:

Lahaina Civic Center  
Social Hall Meeting Area  
1840 Honoapiilani Hwy  
Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761

EPA invites interested persons to attend the hearing and provide the Agency with comments and recommendations on the draft UIC permit for the County of Maui's LWRF. Any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit at the public hearing. We request that oral comments provided during the public hearing be limited to five (5) minutes per person; this limit may be extended if time allows.

Persons who are physically disabled and require special accommodation to participate in the public hearing should contact Dean Higuchi in EPA's Honolulu office at (808) 541-2710, no later than October 23, 2008.

EPA issued a prior public notice for the draft UIC permit on August 24, 2008 that was scheduled to close on September 23, 2008. However, EPA's permitting regulations stipulate that the public comment period is automatically extended to the close of any public hearing (see 40 CFR §124.12(c)). Therefore, the public comment period for the draft LWRF UIC permit is hereby extended to November 6, 2008.

Written comments (e-mail is acceptable) must be received or postmarked no later than this new date to be considered. You can send written comments to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ground Water Office (WTR-9), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Attn: Nancy Rumrill, phone (415) 972-3293, fax (415) 947-3549, or e-mail [rumrill.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:rumrill.nancy@epa.gov). As noted, written comments may also be provided to EPA at the public hearing.

**BACKGROUND**

The County of Maui owns and operates the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility located at 3300 Honoapiilani Highway, Lahaina, Hawaii. Currently, the LWRF treats

approximately 5.5 million gallons per day (mgd) of domestic wastewater to a secondary level. The LWRF sends approximately 1 mgd of treated wastewater to be reused by customers for irrigation purposes. The rest of the treated effluent is gravity-fed into four Class V injection wells.

The draft permit would continue to authorize the underground injection of secondary treated municipal wastewater into four existing Class V injection wells at the facility. Based on our review of the area and the geology of the site, EPA believes the injection of treated wastewater allowed under the draft permit is protective of underground sources of drinking water as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.

EPA has made a preliminary determination to approve the renewal of the Class V UIC permit as provided by Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, and by UIC regulations in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 124, 144, and 146.

## **DOCUMENTS**

Copies of the proposed permit, the Statement of Basis, this public notice and the County of Maui's application are available for review at:

Lahaina Public Library  
680 Wharf Street  
Lahaina, Hawaii  
(808) 662-3950

The aforementioned documents are also available on EPA's Region 9 web page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/groundwater/uic-permits.html>

Copies of EPA's documents and the County of Maui's application can also be obtained by contacting: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ground Water Office (WTR-9) 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Attn: Nancy Rumrill; phone (415) 972-3293; fax (415) 947-3549; or e-mail [rumrill.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:rumrill.nancy@epa.gov).

The EPA San Francisco office also has the administrative record for the proposed permit available for public inspection from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record.

## **FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS PROCESS**

EPA will make a final decision regarding the proposed federal permit renewal after all comments and recommendations have been considered. EPA will send a response to comments and a notice of our final decision to each person who submitted comments (including oral comments at the public hearing) or requested such notice. Within thirty

(30) days after the final permit decision has been issued, any person who filed comments on the draft permit, participated in the public hearing on this matter, or takes issue with any changes in the draft permit, may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision. Commenters are referred to 40 CFR Section 124.19 for procedural requirements of the appeal process. If no comments request a change in the draft permit, the permit shall become effective immediately upon issuance (40 CFR §124.15(b)(3)).